

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A packaging system for a vehicular radiator, wherein the radiator is generally rectangular in outline along two pair of opposed sides in x and y geometrical dimensions with a generally rectangular cross section in the geometrical dimension, wherein the radiator ~~includes~~ including a non-fragile portion, comprising:

a generally rectangular planar tray member, said tray member including having a central area defining a plane sized and shaped to receive a radiator upon which the radiator is received, and having two opposed sides, a portion of each opposed side being ~~foldable out~~ inwardly folded over said plane to form a pair of the plane of said tray member and forming arms to said tray member which are foldable toward each other to embrace the radiator when placed upon said central area tray member;

at least one strap ~~engageable~~ wrapped around said tray member and holding said arms in a folded condition over said central area ~~folded upon the radiator placed upon said tray member~~;

said tray member further including two opposed ends, with a portion of each of said two opposed ~~end~~ ends being ~~foldable out of~~ folded away from said the plane of said tray member to form and forming legs to said tray member ~~when so folded~~, said legs being oriented away from ~~the radiator~~ said pair of arms to thereby form said tray member into a platform ~~upon which the radiator is supported~~;

a container within which said tray member is received, said container including a first inside surface and a second inside surface opposite said first inside surface, said first inside surface being spaced from said central area by said legs ~~being shaped and sized to snugly fit around said tray member with said opposed sides and ends so folded~~, and having an interior space with a depth defined by a distance between the radiator and a container inside surface; and

at least one stand-off element mounted mountable to the a non-fragile portion of the radiator, said stand-off element spacing said central area from said second inside surface ~~having a height generally spanning said interior space depth when so mounted, whereby, when said tray member holding the radiator is received by said container, the combination of said legs, said at~~

~~least one stand-off element and said tray member serves to stabilize the radiator relative to said container inside surface and to maintain the radiator in a spaced-apart configuration from said first and second inside surfaces of said container.~~

3. (Original) The packaging system of Claim 2 wherein said tray member is made of a rectangular planar sheet of Kraft paper and is die-cut to form said arms, and said legs are defined by fold lines on said planar sheet.

4. (Original) The packaging system of Claim 3 wherein said tray member has a center line and said planar sheet has parallel lateral sides and parallel ends, and said legs are defined by a first fold line inboard from and parallel to an adjacent lateral side, and a second fold line inboard from and parallel to an adjacent end.

5. (Original) The packaging system of Claim 4 wherein said legs are further defined by a diagonal fold line extending diagonally inboard from each corner of said rectangular planar sheet, said diagonal fold line forming a gusset when said legs are folded.

6. (Original) The packaging system of Claim 4 wherein said legs are further defined by side leg portions and end leg portions, with a cut forming a lapping portion to one of said side and end leg portions at each corner of said rectangular planar sheet, said lapping portion folded over and overlying an adjacent leg portion when said legs are folded.

7. (Original) The packaging system of Claim 6 further including pre-cut locking tabs formed in one of said side and end leg portions at each corner of said rectangular planar sheet, and pre-cut tab receptacles formed in the other of said side and end leg portions at each corner of said rectangular planar sheet, said pre-cut tabs and tab receptacles being located so that the tabs can be received within said receptacles when said legs are folded.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The packaging system of Claim 3 wherein each said arm is defined by a pair of spaced cuts extending inboard from a respective side with a plurality of fold lines

extending between said spaced cuts.

11. (Currently Amended) A packaging component for an article comprising:

a base member having a central part defining a plane and a first pair of opposed sides, with a portion of each opposed side being ~~foldable~~ folded out of the plane of said base member and forming arms to said base, said arms being connected to said central part;

a second pair of opposed sides on said base member, said second pair of opposed sides being orthogonal to said first pair of opposed sides, with a portion of each opposed side of said second pair being ~~foldable~~ folded out of the plane of said base member, ~~said second pair being foldable~~ in a direction opposite of said first pair, and forming legs to said base member ~~when so folded;~~ and

a member ~~engageable~~ engaged with said arms when said arms are folded toward each other and said central part to hold said arms in a folded condition, when an article to be packaged is placed upon said central part said arms being in said folded condition and said legs being folded in said opposite direction as said arms, said member being engaged with said arms, and said the article being stabilized relative to said base member.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Amended) The packaging component of Claim 11 wherein said base member is made of a rectangular rigid planar sheet and is cut to form said arms, and said legs are defined at least in part by fold lines on said planar sheet.

14. (Original) The packaging component of Claim 13 wherein said base member has a center line and said planar sheet has parallel lateral sides and parallel ends, and said legs are defined by a first fold line inboard from and parallel to an adjacent side of said first pair of sides, and a second fold line inboard from and parallel to an adjacent side of said second pair of sides.

15. (Original) The packaging component of Claim 14 wherein said legs are further defined by a diagonal fold line extending diagonally inboard from each corner of said rectangular planar sheet, said diagonal fold line forming a gusset when said legs are folded.

16. (Original) The packaging component of Claim 14 wherein said legs are further

defined by side leg portions and end leg portions, with a cut forming a lapping portion to one of said side and end leg portions at each corner of said rectangular planar sheet, said lapping portion folded over and overlying an adjacent leg portion when said legs are folded.

17. (Original) The packaging component of Claim 16 further including pre-cut locking tabs formed in one of said side and end leg portions at each corner of said rectangular planar sheet, and pre-cut tab receptacles formed in the other of said side and end leg portions at each corner of said rectangular planar sheet, said pre-cut tabs and tab receptacles being located so that the tabs can be received within said receptacles when said legs are folded.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Original) The packaging component of Claim 13 wherein each said arm is defined by a pair of spaced cuts extending inboard from a respective side with a plurality of fold lines extending between said spaced cuts.

21. (Original) The packaging component of Claim 20 wherein said planar sheet is made of rigid Kraft paper.

22. (Previously Amended) The packaging component of Claim 11 wherein said member engageable with said arms is at least one strap encircling said base member and said arms with said arms embracing ~~an~~ the article on said base member.

23. (Currently Amended) A packaging system, comprising:

a base member initially in the form of a generally rectangular sheet having a central part defining a plane and a first pair of opposed sides, with a portion of each opposed side of said first pair of sides being ~~foldable~~ folded out of the plane of said base member in a first direction and forming arms to said base member, said arms being connected to said central part, a second pair of opposed ends on said base member, said second pair of opposed ends being orthogonal to said first pair of opposed sides, with a portion of each opposed end of said

second pair being ~~foldable~~ folded out of the plane of said base member in a second direction opposite said first direction and forming legs to said base member when so folded;

said sheet being die-cut to form said arms, and said legs are defined by fold lines on said sheet, said central part having a center line and parallel lateral sides and parallel ends, and said legs are defined by a first fold line inboard from and parallel to an adjacent lateral side, and a second fold line inboard from and parallel to an adjacent end, each said arm is defined by a pair of spaced cuts extending inboard from a respective lateral side with a plurality of fold lines extending between said spaced cuts;

a member engageable with said arms when said arms are folded toward each other and over said central part to hold said arms in a folded condition; and

a container within which said base member is received, said container being sized to fit around said base member with said opposed arms and legs so folded;

whereby an article to be packaged when placed upon said central part with said arms in said folded condition and said member engaged with said arms is stabilized relative to said base member and is firmly locatable against movement within said container.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Original) The packaging system of Claim 23 wherein said legs are further defined by side leg portions and end leg portions, with a cut forming a lapping portion at each corner of said rectangular planar sheet, said lapping portion folded over and overlying an adjacent leg portion when said legs are folded.

26. (Original) The packaging system of Claim 25 further including pre-cut locking tabs formed in one of said side and end leg portions at each corner of said rectangular planar sheet, and pre-cut tab receptacles formed in the other of said side and end leg portions at each corner of said rectangular planar sheet, said pre-cut tabs and tab receptacles being located so that the tabs can be received within said receptacles when said legs are folded.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Original) The packaging system of Claim 23 wherein said planar sheet is made of rigid Kraft paper.

30. (Currently Amended) The packaging system of Claim 23 wherein said member engageable with said arms is at least one strap encircling said central part said arms with said arms embracing said the radiator on said central part.

31. (Cancelled)
